

17 July 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action in Paragraph 10.
2. Dr. Joseph L. Sutton, Associate Professor, Indiana University, asks if the DCI will speak on 12 or 13 November 1959 at a Conference on training in Asian Studies to be held at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Should the DCI agree, the President of the University, Dr. Herman B. Wells, will send a formal invitation to Mr. Dulles. Representatives of other universities in Indiana and adjoining states will be invited to the Conference.

3. Dr. Sutton refers to "family connections" of the Dulles family with Indiana University.

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4. This feeler by Dr. Sutton has received sympathetic reaction from Desmond Fitzgerald, FE, and from [redacted]. Fitzgerald's classified report will be attached to this memo by [redacted] for Mr. Dulles' information.

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5. [redacted] states that Sutton has been a strong CIA backer; that Indiana has been a good recruiting agency for personnel in Slavic language but not in Asian personnel. The head of the Slavic Studies Department, Professor Edgerton, a Quaker, is reportedly hostile to CIA, allegedly saying that CIA interferes with the student exchange program "in relation to travel abroad by US students and faculty." [redacted] thinks this is an excellent plan that Sutton presents for recruitment opportunities by CIA in the scarcity field of Far Eastern specialists.

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6. I met Dr. Wells, the President, earlier this year at Ernest Lindley's, after he had returned from a trip to Moscow by American educators.

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He is strong for CIA. He was in Washington for a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Howard University of which Board he is a member.

7. The DCI has addressed ten academic meetings, but only two of them were in the mid-West, one at the University of Chicago and one at the University of Cincinnati. The Director's participation in this Conference will of course add to whatever prestige the University of Indiana may have in the Far East research field.

8. I believe the DCI's acceptance would be beneficial to CIA and to the University of Indiana.

9. Should the DCI not find it possible to accept, the Agency might still benefit to some degree if General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Dr. Kent, or Mr. Helms would participate in the Conference.

10. RECOMMENDATION: That the DCI accept the invitation; if this is not practicable, that General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Dr. Kent, or Mr. Helms participate in the Conference.

cc: DDCI

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Attachment